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Celebrating 40 Years

Reaffirming the Commitment...
Realizing the Vision

A Leadership Symposium

Thursday, October 5, 2006
at the Manhattan Beach Marriott

The California Regional
Center System
Reflecting on Progress and
Looking to the Future

As the regional center system enters its fifth decade, Frank D. Lanterman and Harbor Regional Centers have joined together to sponsor a "Celebration of 40 Years." The purpose of this celebration is to reflect on where we started, how far we've come, and the challenges that remain for people with developmental disabilities who aspire to live full, productive and satisfying lives as active members of their communities.

The symposium will feature four plenary sessions, each of which will focus on the ways in which the lives of people with developmental disabilities have changed in more than 40 years, and the changes that are still needed if we are to fully realize the vision of the Lanterman Act. We are pleased to welcome nationally-recognized experts in each of our focus areas.



Honored Guest Speakers

MODERATOR AND MASTER OF CEREMONIES

DENNY AMUNDSON



As an aide to Assemblyman Frank D. Lanterman from 1968 to 1974, Amundson participated in the writing of the groundbreaking Lanterman Act, which laid the foundation for providing services to individuals with developmental disabilities in California for the past four decades. He served as the first Executive Director for North Los Angeles County Regional Center from 1974 to 1976, and as Director of the California Department of Developmental Services from 1991 to 1997.

HOUSING

HENRY CISNEROS



The Former U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development is credited with initiating a major revitalization of many of the nation's public housing developments and with increasing home ownership. He is currently chairman of American CityVista and City

View, designed to provide high quality, affordable housing options for home buyers of all backgrounds and incomes, and to inspire new residents to take part in developing their own vibrant communities.

TECHNOLOGY

JACQUELYN BRAND



An activist for people with disabilities and a pioneer in the field of assistive technology, Brand partnered with Apple Computers to establish the Alliance for Technology Access, a national network of resource centers and

technology vendors and developers. Her work and story are highlighted in "Freedom Machines," the nationally-televised film that dramatically broadens the concept of diversity through intimate stories of adults and children with disabilities who are using modern technologies to change their lives.

EDUCATION

JUDY ELLIOTT, Ph.D.



Currently Dr. Elliott serves as Assistant Superintendent for Special Education in the Long Beach Unified School District, the third largest urban school system in California. As a national consultant she assists school districts and state education departments, and has trained

thousands of staff, teachers and administrators in their efforts to update and realign curriculum frameworks, instruction and assessments to include all students. Dr. Elliott formerly served as Research Associate at the National Center on Educational Outcomes for Students with Disabilities, College of Education at the University of Minnesota.

EMPLOYMENT

PAUL WEHMAN, Ph.D.



Director of the Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Workplace Supports and Chairman of the Division of Rehabilitation Research at Virginia Commonwealth University, Dr. Wehman has authored or edited 33 books on special education and supported employment.

His most recent books, published in 2006, are *Life Beyond the Classroom: Transition Strategies for Young People with Disabilities*, and *Real Work for Real Pay: Inclusive Employment for People with Disabilities*.

SCHEDULE

SYMPOSIUM

8:15-9:00 AM

Registration
Continental Breakfast

9:00-9:30 AM

DENNY AMUNDSON, Moderator

Welcome and Introductions
Opening Remarks

9:30-10:30 AM – EDUCATION

JUDY ELLIOTT, Ph.D.

The focus of this session will be on the promise and reality of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and No Child Left Behind, the successes of inclusion, as well as the continuing challenges facing educators, children and their families. The session will include a special focus on realigning educational systems, policies and practices to include all students and promote student achievement.

10:45-11:45 AM – HOUSING

HENRY CISNEROS

This session will include consideration of national and state policy, as well as practical considerations affecting the availability of affordable housing for people with disabilities. Issues to be discussed may include identifying properties, funding, forming collaboratives, and identifying appropriate residents.

LUNCH

11:45 AM-1:30 PM

TECHNOLOGY AND BOOK FAIR

Enjoy lunch stations, visit exhibits of the latest in assistive technology, and browse the book fair displaying recent publications in the four topic areas.

BOOK SIGNING EVENT

12:30 PM

**FEATURING HENRY CISNEROS,
AND OTHER GUEST SPEAKERS.**

Books and DVDs by featured speakers can be purchased at the Book Fair.

1:30-2:30 PM – EMPLOYMENT

PAUL WEHMAN, Ph.D.

The employment session will focus on successes in supported and competitive employment, and the remaining challenges, including support needs of people with severe disabilities, economic realities of the marketplace, social acceptance of workers, increasing demands for worker knowledge, and disincentives for employment among people with disabilities.

2:30-3:30 PM – TECHNOLOGY

JACQUELYN BRAND

This session will focus on the applications of technology to assist people with disabilities, especially people with communication limitations, to be productive citizens and full participants in society.

3:30-4:00 PM – CLOSING REMARKS

DENNY AMUNDSON

RECEPTION & DINNER

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

6:00-7:00 PM – RECEPTION

Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres and
No Host Cocktails

7:00-8:30 PM – DINNER

8:30 PM – FILM PREMIERE

9:30 PM – CLOSING REMARKS

Registration Information

In order to secure your space, we must receive your completed registration and payment by **Friday, September 22, 2006.**

For information call
(213) 383-1300 x 720.

Please mail your registration form and check payable to:

**Frank D. Lanterman
Regional Center
3303 Wilshire Blvd.
Suite 700
Los Angeles, CA 90010
Attn: Ronna Kajikawa**

**Or Register Online at
[www.lanterman.org/
symposiumregistration](http://www.lanterman.org/symposiumregistration),
and enter RSVP
Code 4040.**

**The Manhattan Beach
Marriott is located at
1400 Parkview Avenue,
Manhattan Beach, CA
90266.**

PARKING

One self-parking validation is included in the cost of conference registration. Valet parking is available for \$15. (Sorry, no in and out privileges).

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

To reserve a room and obtain a special rate of \$149 per night plus tax, contact (800) 228-9290 or (310) 546-7511 by **September 13, 2006**, and request the Regional Center 40th Anniversary Room Rate. Check-in time is 3:00 pm. Check-out time is 12:00 pm.

Overnight parking is available for hotel guests at reduced rates of \$12 for self-parking and \$15 for valet parking per car per day.

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A complete event registration fee of \$260 includes: the full-day Symposium, Continental Breakfast, Lunch, Technology and Book Fair, Book Signing, Reception, Celebration Dinner, and Film Premiere.

You may register and purchase admission to the Symposium only for \$175, or Dinner and Film only for \$100. All registration fees include event self-parking.

- ☐ I wish to register for the full-day event including the daytime symposium, evening reception, dinner and film for \$260.
 - ☐ I wish to register for the daytime symposium only, for \$175.
 - ☐ I wish to purchase _____ guest tickets for the evening reception, dinner and film only, for \$100 each.
- Vegetarian Lunch: ☐ Yes ☐ No Dinner Selection: ☐ Fish ☐ Chicken ☐ Vegetarian
- ☐ I am unable to attend. Please accept my donation of \$ _____ .